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FOREST SERVICE COLLECTING USED CHRISTMAS TREES FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT

Covington, Va. - The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is collecting used Christmas trees December 27 through January 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will only accept clean trees; trees containing sprays, paints, tinsel and other decorative materials are not safe for animals or the environment. Deliver trees to the James River Work Center, Dolly Ann Depot on Smokey Bear Lane in Covington, Va; follow the arrows to the drop off point.

These trees are added to existing brush piles for small non-game species. Hundreds of Christmas trees were recycled over the past 13 years. This saves valuable space in landfills and keeps pollutants out of the air by eliminating the need to burn discarded trees. For additional information contact the James River Ranger District at (540) 962-2214.

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